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Jackie Robinson West, Second City, The Signal, Blair Thomas GSU guests at Chicago Live!



Chicago Live! guests from left to right: Redmoon Theatre and Chicago International Puppet Festival founder and puppeteer Blair Thomas; Jackie Robinson West team members and Coach Darrell Butler; Chicago Tribune columnist Eric Zorn, Tribune Editorial Page Editor Bruce Dold, and Tribune Editorial Board Member Kristen McQueary; Second City cast; GSU mascot Jax the Jaguar; The Signal: A Doo-Wop Rhapsody Featuring Stormy Weather. The live radio broadcast of Chicago Live! on November 20 at 7pm was broadcast on WGN Radio 720. For the Phoenix's own coverage of the Jackie Robinson West interview, a review of the Signal: Doo-Wop Rhapsody featuring Stormy Weather, and an exclusive interview with Chicago Tribune columnist and Chicago Live! host Rick Kogan, see pg. 6

GSU President Maimon joins Obamas, Biden at White House College Opportunity Summit

By Bob Meyers

Today, December 4, 2014, Governors State University President Elaine P. Maimon joined President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, and Vice President Joe Biden at the White House College Opportunity Summit, the White House, Washington D.C. The summit, which joins business leaders, nonprofit organizations, and colleges and universities from across the nation, is met to implement and effect college education opportunities for students nationwide.

This year, the summit will zero in on constructing partnerships with neighborhoods with strong K-12 and higher education collaborations, to encourage higher education learning, in addition to assisting colleges in working together to dramatically improve diligence and increased graduation rates, especially for first generation, low-income, and under-represented students.

"I am honored to represent Governors State and the Chicagoland Alliance for Degree Completion at the White House College Opportunity Summit," said Maimon.

"Joining me at the Summit are presidents from two of our partner community colleges:

Project Salon: Ebola Relief Drive

GSU students volunteers seeking medical supply donations for Ebola relief in Africa

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

Governors State University Lecturer Phyllis West, Ph.D. is guiding a student-run project to send medical supplies to Africa for Ebola patients. West is a former Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia and Sierra Leone. West says she and the group of students running this project feel helpless about what's going on.

"We would like to play a role in helping to stop the spread of the Ebola virus," said West. "We realize that these are extremely impoverished countries and they need as many resources as possible. We've teamed up with a non-profit organization in Chicago that provides social services to African immigrants in America, whose family likely has Ebola."

Students involved in the project are fielding donations of funds and medical supplies from local businesses, organizations, and community members. Several students volunteering with The Ebola relief project talked to us about why they wanted to get involved. All agree that they want to spread awareness and get more people involved in the project.

Dr. Allie Kabba is working with the program by managing the distribution said, "The distribution is going to work through health care centers because we believe that if we help the health care centers we are investing in a long-term capacity of the health care system.

"The reason why many of

"It's a really big issue, there's no medical supplies being sent to Africa. Aide needs to be sent."

- May Salman

"I know how politics can be in America. It's an interest of mine that they [Ebola patients] get proper help."

- Valesta Ludlow

"Dr. West and I had been discussing a way to get involved in an issue. When Ebola started spreading and getting viral, I made a decision to get involved in this, as opposed to any other issue."

- Lisa Boatright

"I got involved because, as a social work student, I feel compelled to get involved in something not just happening in the community but worldwide. I want to spread awareness and get people involved."

- Veli Cole-Abney

the frontline workers, doctors and nurses, got infected is because of the lack of protective gears. Providing this kind of support will help the workers combat these challenges and help build a more robust health care system."

Student volunteers are currently calling and contacting their local businesses in an effort to get medical supplies, in addition to

"I feel like it's our responsibility to take action. A lot of people have become very reactive. I want to get more people involved to help those imposed by the situation."

- Latesha Newson

"I am here because I believe it's our duty to inform GSU students about Ebola. Being an upcoming social worker, I just want to help in any way possible. I believe getting people involved will not just help the school but the community as a whole."

- Nancy Vasquez

"I just wanted to see a change in school to get people more involved. I wanted to be involved as much as I could to make a difference and get the people involved as well. I think it's important to spread awareness because some people don't know what's going on with this important issue."

- Lisa Jurgenson

accepting funds to purchase more supplies and protective equipment. These accumulated supplies will be shipped to Africa sometime in January.

Anyone wishing to donate to or volunteer with the Ebola relief project should contact Dr. Phyllis West at pwest@govst.edu.

Editorial

International Faculty Feature: Carlos Ferran

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

For the International Feature, Associate Professor of Accounting and MIS Dr. Carlos Ferran sat down with the Phoenix for an interview on his life and travels.

My name is Carlos Ferran. I am the proud father of 15-year-old triplets and an eight year old. I was born in Caracas, Venezuela, but I am now a US citizen. However, I see myself as a citizen of the world. Earth is too small and fragile and we have such powerful technologies as well as such an intertwined economy that we cannot limit our vision, our understanding, and our worries to a small segment of it.

I am the editor-in-chief of RELCASI and a member of the advisory board of four other international journals. I am the President of the Latin American and Caribbean Association for Information Systems (LACAIS), President-Elect of the Accounting Information Systems SIG of the AIS (SIGASYS), Vice-President of the GSU Chapter UPI Local 4100, and a Notary Public for the State of Illinois.

What do you teach here at GSU?
I teach Management Information Systems, Accounting, and Strategy.



How long have you been teaching?
I am an associate professor of Accounting and Management Information Systems (MIS) at the College of Business and Public Administration of Governors State University. I have been here since 2010. Previously, I taught at Pennsylvania State University and Rochester Institute of Technology. I have been teaching(as a professor) for over 15 years and as a consultant and trainer, for many more. I have never taught doctoral courses but I have directed a doctoral dissertation.

I am a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) and I obtained my doctoral degree in Business Administration from Boston University. Before entering academia I was a CIO at a major financial institution in Venezuela, a planning and financial analyst in the Venezuelan oil industry, and a manager and developer of banking and accounting applications at a software company. I started my professional career at 15 developing accounting applications for the Apple II.

How has teaching made you look at the world as you travel? My three hobbies are photography, cooking, and travelling. I hate the process of taking planes and of being on a plane. I am not scared of them it is simply uncomfortable, tiring, and boring. But I need to use planes to do the travelling. My dream is to be able to spend a month every year travelling to a new place tasting different foods, meeting new people, and taking pictures all around. Travelling is the most mind expansive experience in the world. I do not drink, smoke, or take drugs but I cannot believe that any of those can give you a more relaxing, amplifying, and mind-exploding experience than traveling to a new country.

Are there any rules, laws, or system operations in other countries that

interest you or that you wish were integrated into the US? I believe that health and education must be covered by government. A healthy citizen is a productive citizen. Nobody in their right mind chooses to be sick. Nobody wants to be sick. And more often than not it is not our fault that we get sick. Some people are very lucky and never get sick. Some are very unlucky and get sick quite often. It should be a global policy to cover for sickness. The United States should have universal free healthcare.

And an educated citizen is a productive citizen. Society in general gains from an educated population. Only those who abuse others gain from exploiting uneducated people. However, not everyone has the ability or the interest to become highly educated. Just like not everyone who tries to be a star football player can make it, not everyone who wants to be a great physicist can do it. But everyone should have a try at it no matter where or from whom they were born. Many countries have free education all the way up to the Doctoral level; the United States should also have it (although someone who repeats a course several times should not continue doing it at the State's expense).

Keep the debt monkey off your back

By Sheila Perry
Phoenix Writer

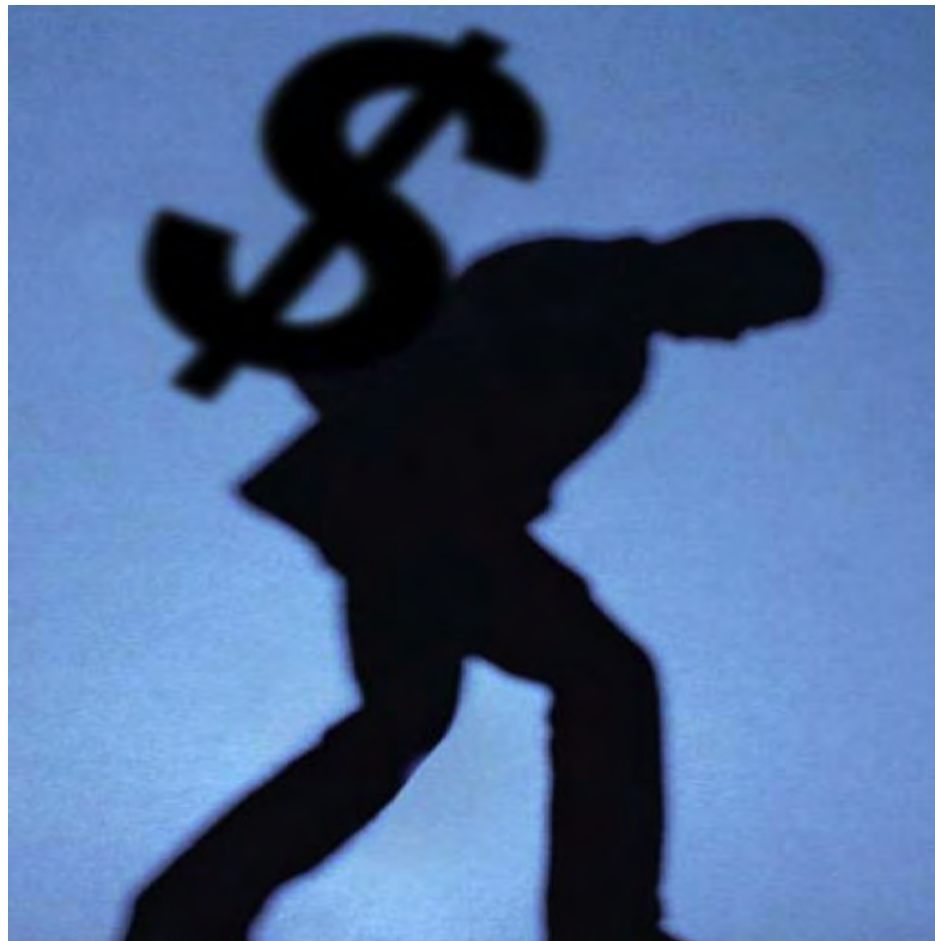
Finish the year with a new approach; Are you tired of being short on fund? Then save more and spend less. Begin your journey into the next semester with financial peace. First, gather all your bills. Second, make a spreadsheet of all your income and expenses. Third, subtract your expenses from your income. Fourth, whatever is left decide what to do with it save or spend. My opinions spend less, save more, have more and less stress.

The question is "Will be prepare for a crisis? Just imagine, Katrina hitting your home town, being stricken with a sudden illness, you lose your job, or your main source of income is cut off, will you be prepared. Will you fall apart, or will you be prepared.

Preparation is key. That is why budgeting is very important.

Establishing a budget will not solved all your problems, but it is an important step to determining your financial health and stability. Creating a budget is easy, but it will be very difficult to stick with one. If you take your finances seriously, you will learn that budgeting is the first step in balancing your income.

If you are in the negative, start eliminating debt my cutting up your credit cards, keep only one for emergency! Stop Borrowing! Live within your means, if you do not need it, do not borrow for it. Cut your expenses, Take bag lunches, and reduce your cable bill or your cell phone contracts, go out twice a month, stop all foolish spending, make better decision, and if you are married work as a team. In being a student you can search for buy one get one free food, entertain and other things. Keep the financial monkey off your back with good old common sense budget!



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Understanding Ferguson, GSU holds panel discussion



By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

Dr. Vincent R. Jones, GSU Assistant CJSU Professor, organized an event called Understanding Ferguson: A Candid Discussion on the Need for Positive Change, which was held in GSU's Sherman Hall yesterday. Faculty Senate President Rashidah Muhammad welcomed everyone to the event while Dr. Jones gave the keynote speech prior to introducing the panel for the discussion.

Dr. Jones spoke first and unraveled how grand jury proceedings work, the legal standard for charging Officer Darren Wilson, and Jones concluded with an assessment of what happened in Ferguson on August 9, 2014, and looked to the future.

The panel continued by launching into their law enforcement perspectives. GSU Police Chief offered analysis of police procedure. McGee said, "My own personal opinion is that Officer Wilson encountered a situation which he had not received enough training. Additional training should take place in Illinois as well as other states. Officer Wilson, I believe, he did not know, nor did he intend to encounter that type of situation. On his way to lunch, he received a call on his radio telling him about a robbery of cigarettes. As he approached the scene, he observed cigarettes and attempted to have a conversation with the potential offenders. At this point, he should have asked for assistance. Wilson asked Brown about the offense and the situation and, from there, it became a violent encounter. The result is that he was forced to use his fire arm Wilson says he blacked out. There was a shot that was fired, which shattered glass. Another shot was fired, he doesn't remember if it connected or not but it separated them. He then exited the vehicle Brown continued violence."

McGee was followed by Cook County Sheriff Thomas Fleming, who gave extensive guidelines for using deadly force. Fleming elaborated, "The training mandated by state is basic training. We provide an extra week of training on things not mandated by

the state. After basic, a senior officer trains them. From there, three different officers train them. Training is measured by one question: How did the officer progress?" Fleming then outlined the use of force and the use of force procedure. Fleming examined, "Deadly is anticipated. There is a likelihood of injury or death. Physical is the application of techniques. Any use of force must be documented. Force is a matter of critical concern by the public and the police department. A police officer must have an understanding of their authority as well as the limitations. Officers must use only the amount of force necessary in a particular situation and in circumstances that are tense. Factors that are considered when using force include the conduct of the officer, drugs and alcohol, the age, size, and strength of the officers available, the degree to which the offender has been restrained, the risk and consequences of escape, the training and experience of the officer, and more.

Analytically, South Chicago Heights Police Chief William Joyce talked about what was done right and wrong in Ferguson. Chief Joyce said, "Officer Wilson was tried and convicted in the press before he could even face the grand jury. Michael Brown's body remained in the heat for four hours. Mr. Brown probably could not have been revived. After 4 hours, Mr. Brown's corpse set the scene. The delay fueled the outrage. After those four hours, Brown's body was transferred to the morgue. Prosecuting Attorney McCulloch spelled out inconsistent and contradictory statements by witnesses. The law is the law, black and white. The facts of this case are under Missouri law. A police officer can use his weapon when in fear of his or her life and reasonably believes that this action is justified. Calculus of reasonableness must account. What was done right in Ferguson? The police still came out and protected the community to the best of their ability, and they will tomorrow as well as the next day."

Joyce was followed by Dr.

James Coldren, who spoke about his research on police shootings and use of force while also explaining body worn cameras. Dr. Coldren revealed, "There is no place in this country where you can go for data on use of force. Use of force is a variable and it's going to look different in every community. There are inconsistencies and biases. Use of force training is not mandated by law. There is a lot of focus on the instant that deadly force is used. Also, there are a series of decisions prior to using deadly force." Regarding cameras, Dr. Coldren said, "Cameras are good for accountability and transparency."

The panel kept rolling, this time, with civil rights and community activism perspectives. Rev. Greg Powell offered the idea of using nonviolent protests as an agent of change and outlined many problems with violent protests. Rev. Powell said the following: "Nonviolent resistance is a choice. It must be made by the people and cannot rationally be made by violence. How does one respond? Under certain conditions, violence is effective. The problem with violence is that it has been ineffective. Even when you win the process, it produces the fruit of violence. You must have communication and a public relations strategy."

Dr. Bruce Wilson zeroed in on the spiritual perspective when discussing Ferguson. Before doing so, Dr. Wilson engaged the audience and had them all stand up and spread kindness by speaking kind words to each other. Dr. Wilson reminded us, "Until you can change the hearts of the people, training becomes a band aid on wounds. As a result, we will be having the same discussions after Michael Brown and in the future. We need to have a spiritual revival that encompasses true survival. Whereas some events are dark, God's able to turn darkness into light. There is peace at the end of the tunnel, the question is do you see it?"

Dr. Lynette Danley, brings in the importance of making a difference and voting. She asked, "When did college campus killings ignite this

fury? I can't imagine that those who died before or after Michael Brown mattered less. There is a phrase that goes, 'snitches get stitches.' We need to reframe that. Why are we not talking about becoming police officers, having these forums, etc. until something like this happens?" She continued, "We have rights that we are not taking advantage of. Shame on those who were quiet when they didn't have to be."

"How do decisions have an impact on those we are serving? We need education based more on a restorative approach." -Dr. Donald Culverson

"Even though they made the mistake, it doesn't mean they are the mistake. We need relentless engagement with children. We need to rise up, love each other, and give resources to former prisoners to connect to society." -Dr. Andrae Marak

Laid out what we need to do. "We need to have a national reckoning; The healing of the American psyche and the revolution of the American consciousness." -Mr. Robert Spicer

"We are a nation of racism. Each of the wave of immigrants was encouraged to group into the melting pot and become racist themselves. A colleague of mine was arrested for breaking into his own home when he forgot his keys. A neighbor called the police. For every 2 steps back, we have taken 1 step forward. African American history is a part of my history as an American." -Dr. Vincent R. Jones

Dr. Jones closed the event with parting thoughts: "What you have witnessed here today is what makes America beautiful. We all come from different backgrounds and experiences but we all want to see the same thing for America's future. We all are having a common thread. Take the information you have received today and become an agent of change, whether it be just adding to a conversation.

by Brian Bock
Assistant Editor

Net Neutrality, the Web hangs in the balance



According to fcc.gov the Federal Communication Commission is currently deciding on how it will deal with the issue of net neutrality. The FCC is not expected to reach a decision until 2015, but the ramifications of the FCC’s proposed choice is already coming under fire.

“We need to make sure that we have sustainable rules, and that starts with making sure that we have addressed the multiplicity of issues that come along and are likely to be raised,” said FCC Chair Tom Wheeler, after a November 21 meeting.

The FCC is speculated to consider the advice of President Obama. The President issued a release on November 10, urging The FCC to classify internet service providers (ISPs) under Title II of the Telecommunications Act of 1934.

“‘Net neutrality’ has been built into the fabric of the Internet since its creation — but it is also a principle that we cannot take for granted. We cannot allow Internet service providers (ISPs) to restrict the best access or to pick winners and losers in the online marketplace

for services and ideas”” read the open letter. “That is why today, I am asking the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to answer the call of almost 4 million public comments, and implement the strongest possible rules to protect net neutrality.”

The President’s open letter highlighted key aspects to keeping the net neutral. These issues included no blocking, no throttling, increased transparency and no paid prioritization. If the FCC heeds the President’s recommendation, it would

mean that ISPs would no longer be held to the FCC Open Internet Order of 2010. The Open Internet Order was rendered partially invalid by the case Verizon v. FCC.

Instead ISPs would be classified as common carriers, such as gas and electric companies. Under the common carrier designation, ISPs would face more regulations to ensure that all consumers get full access to the internet.

“The time has come for the FCC to recognize that broadband

service is of the same importance and must carry the same obligations as so many of the other vital services do.” read the President’s letter. “To do that, I believe the FCC should reclassify consumer broadband service under Title II of the Telecommunications Act.”

Opponents of net neutrality argue that it puts unneeded regulations on ISPs. Those opposed to the President’s recommendation include telecommunication companies and Republican lawmakers. Republican Senator Ted Cruz took to social media service Twitter to show his distaste for net neutrality.

“‘ Net Neutrality’ is Obamacare for the internet;” tweeted Cruz. “ the Internet should not operate at the speed of government,” he continued.

The issue of net neutrality is set to come to a head this January. The FCC is already preparing for the legal outcome of its proposal.

“Let’s make sure that we understand what is going on here. The big dogs are going to sue regardless of what comes out,” Wheeler said.

President Maimon meets President Obama Cont.



....Dr. Sylvia Jenkins of Moraine Valley Community College and Dr. Terri Winfree of Prairie State College,” said Maimon.

GSU’s Dual Degree Program partnership with 17 other colleges in the Chicagoland area, the Dual Degree Program, serves as a model for the rest of the world regarding college and community collaboration. Low-income, first generation, and under-represented students from the Chicago-land area who are enrolled in the Dual Degree Program study full-time to complete associate degrees in local community colleges, and then move forward to efficient completion of university bachelor's degrees at

Governors State.

“The White House Summit also recognizes GSU’s highly structured four-year program to achieve the baccalaureate degree,” said Maimon in a recent GSU press release.

“GSU employs a comprehensive approach to increase the number of students obtaining a college degree. Traditional age freshmen, transfer students from our excellent local community colleges, and returning adult students are all provided with the advising and support they need to complete their degrees in a timely manner,” said Maimon.

Midterm Elections bring forth changes in Illinois

By Dorian Daily
Contributing Writer

The political field for the State of Illinois went through a shift of sorts as a result of last month's Midterm elections. After electing two consecutive democratic Governors, Illinois voters elected Bruce Rauner, a republican, to replace Democratic Incumbent Pat Quinn down in Springfield. Governor-Elect Rauner will serve as Illinois' first Republican Governor since George Ryan, who was elected in 1998 and served from 1999-2003.

The Gubernatorial position wasn't the only Illinoisans voted on, however. Voters also took to the polls to vote for State Representatives and senators, as Democrats were able to maintain control of the State House and Senate. Several propositions made the ballot as well. Voters elected propositions that included raising the statewide minimum wage, requiring employers to provide contraception as

part of health coverage, and expanding victim's rights.

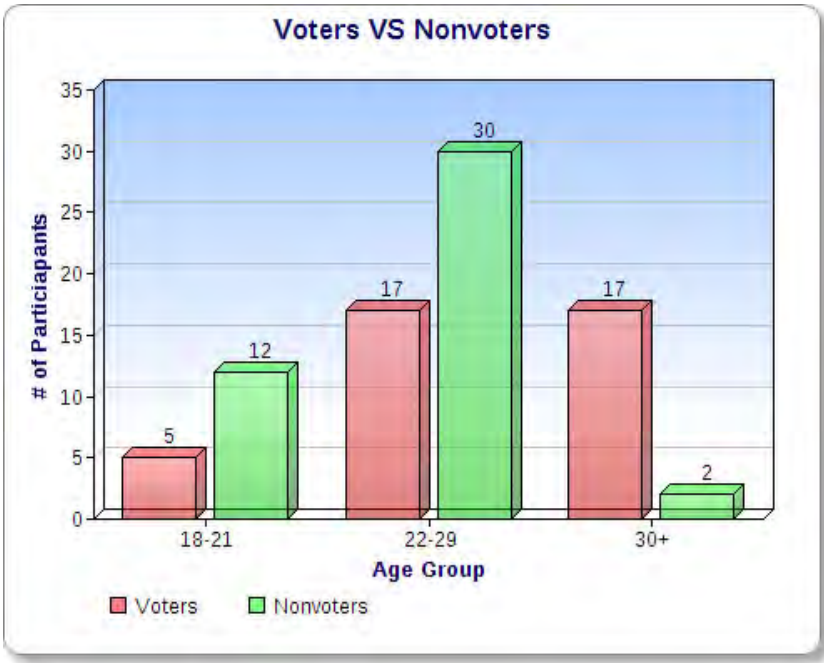
Governors State University students, faculty and staff participated in a recent informal survey conducted on campus. The purpose of the survey was to look into who voted vs who didn't and for survey participants to express their feelings about the election. The results of the survey showed that individuals in the 18-21 age range had the fewest voters while the 22-29 and 30 and older has the same number of voters. In terms of survey participants that didn't vote, the 30 and older group had the fewest numbers in that area, whereas the 22-29 group had the most. Matter of fact, there were more nonvoters surveyed than there were voters.

GSU Freshman Patrick O'Leary participated in his first ever election last month. He says people "should consider voting for a candidate in a different party so that we don't end up stuck in the exact same position. If it goes good, great. If

it doesn't, then people might actually do something about it. At least some type of change will happen and the two main parties, democrat and republican parties may finally decide to do something different".

Dennis Dent, Coordinator of Campus Programs/Community

Service at GSU, stressed the importance of voting. "Everyone should vote as the people affect policy and create change by going to the polls. One vote DOES count". Changes that were facilitated by the Midterm Elections will officially occur starting January 2015.



Campus

Library Jam helps students relax and prepare for finals

By Brian Bock
Assistant Editor

The Governors State University Library assisted students this week by extending their hours and offering students incentives to help them stay and study. From Monday, December 1 until Wednesday, December 3 the library extended its hours until midnight. The library, with help from Food Services, Inc. and other volunteers from the campus community made finals week a bit more bearable by enlisting tutors, leading a mindful meditation workshop and providing snack for students. These extra perks helped the library attract numerous students, while also helping them study and work efficiently.



You have been tested, your brain has been fried, you thought you almost died, but determination pulled you through! “No More Professors, No More Books, No

More Funny Looks!” Enjoy your winter break, Sleep late, have fun, travel, and enjoy family and friends, but remember it will all starts over again in the Spring!

Wishing you nothing but the best for the Holidays! Stay safe and well.
Happy Holidays
The Phoenix Family



Chicago Live singer Henry Farag brings historical doo-wop sound to center stage

by Brian Bock
Assistant Editor

The GSU community was treated to showing of Chicago Tribune outlet Chicago Live! on November 20. Among the guests that entertained the crowd was Henry Farag, a doo-wop singer and owner of Canterbury Productions. Farag and his company of singers took to the stage to sample some of their songs in the upcoming doo-wop musical The Signal~ A Doo-Wop Rhapsody.

Farag’s production company and their stage acts highlight the doo-wop sound. This style of music is predominantly acapella, which means that it includes no background music other than vocals. The interest in acapella and doo-wop music has been on the rise.

“People respond to hearing a chord, a voice. The most perfect, original instrument there is, and



that’s primarily what doo-wop was,” said Farag. “It was harmony, not necessarily musicians. There’s the appeal of all the acapella, things that have gone on with Glee and Straight No Chaser. People are starting to want to look back,” he said.

Farag’s stage event, The Signal~A Doo-Wop Rhapsody, highlights the sounds of doo-wop by incorporating the history of the genre including its local roots in Gary, IN with Vee-Jay Records. The doo-wop sound brought many different people

together, and it might have something to do with the power of the voice.

“It is the original instrument, so when people hear it, it’s instant recognition. Sometimes music can block that out,” said Farag.

The audience at Chicago Live was able to hear the doo-wop sound first hand as Farag lead the singers in a renditions of songs by doo-wop icon Stormy Weathers. The singers had the audience clapping along and getting into the lively excitement of the music.

Acapella is different from lyric singing, and the way singers treat their voices is akin to taking care of a precious instrument. This type of singing also requires a bit more than endurance.

“They have to have a lot more stamina. He has to breathe a certain way, with a tempo. It’s a more full bodied singing,” said Farag.

U.S. little league champion team Jackie Robinson West talks success

By Bob Meyers
Staff Writer

As part of Chicago Live! Five players from United States Little League Champion baseball team Jackie Robinson West were featured. Before the team went on stage, four of those players sat down with the Phoenix for a few questions.

PHOENIX: How has your newfound success changed your lives?

Marquise Jackson: It changed my life for the better because, really, it has showed me so much more of the world, and I’ve traveled and been shown how much I’m appreciated and our team is appreciated in the U.S. and all over the world.

Trey Hondras: Well, it got more people like coaches from high schools. It got other people watching us. So it’s easier for us to go to high schools, colleges because they can see us online and all that type of stuff. We can get scholarships and stuff for that.

Lawrence Noble: Well, it changed my life because I’ve gotten recognized, people have started treating me differently and I set myself up high in school and on the baseball field.

D.J. Butler: I think it was a great experience. It was cool.

PHOENIX: Our school has recently integrated sports. They don’t have baseball yet, but do you have any advice for our school sports teams?

Marquise Jackson: Team chemistry. Strive for greatness. You’re at the highest point that you can be.



Practice hard and do your best every time you’re on the court.

Trey Hondras: Hard work and dedication with teamwork—you can’t win games without teamwork, you can’t have nobody on the court ball hogging—you gotta go through the process with the team.

When onstage with Chicago Live! Host Rick Kogan, Jackie Robinson West manager, Darrell Butler, explained how the players got on the team. Butler said, “It was something where they played in the league, Jackie Robinson West Little League, and they were on multiple teams. So, me and the coaching staff, picked the thirteen kids who we felt could help us make this run to the Little League World Series.” Kogan went on to talk about any potential struggles Butler may have had coaching the team when the team came from an area where it’s tough

to live. Butler explained, “Well, for someone who grew up there, it’s a way of life. Honestly, you see what you see on the news, you hear what you hear, so it’s definitely not easy, but it’s definitely something that we had to make adjustments doing. What makes Butler such a good coach is that, according to him; he “was the 24th round pick by the Toronto Blue Jays.” The reason why the kids are such great kids, according to Butler, has to do with the parents. “It all starts with the parents,” said Butler. “We teach them what we know, and they’re quick learners.”

The team all agreed that “[The Little League World Series] wasn’t in our mind, but we knew we were going to make it.” When asked if they knew what kind of memory this was going to be for them, and that they might end up telling their future grandchildren

about their worldwind success, they said, “I sinks in. We think, now that we’re back in Chicago, when we actually won the U.S. Championship, it didn’t sink in yet, but now it does.” Jackie Robinson West described being in the White House as, “like Social Studies.”

Giving their Christmas list, Marquise Jackson said, “I’m just ready for baseball season.” The others listed Air Jordan Columbia Blue 11 shoes, a PlayStation 4, and, of course, girls.

Coach Butler, when asked the same question, replied, “This team will be talked about forever when it comes to Little League baseball. My Christmas is complete.”

Campus

A look at Chicago Live!



Fellows, Faculty, and Fellow Students: Writing Fellows Program at GSU

By Melissa Baron

Literary analysis. Capstone projects. Ten page research papers. Cringing yet?

Wouldn't it be nice to have an extra pair of eyes looking over those major writing assignments? Someone assigned specifically to your classroom or course? What if I told you this level of personal involvement is available to professors with writing intensive projects?

Meet the Writing Fellow.

The Writing Fellows Program is a small bunch of students that originated from a pilot writing program implemented this semester at GSU by Provost Deborah E. Bordelon, and headed by Dr. Kerri Morris. The latter program is called Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC), and adjunct to it is the Writing Fellows Program (WFP). Writing Across the Curriculum rests on the belief that writing instruction is essential in all disciplines, so that students can grow to learn the writing needs of specific discourse communities. In her explanation of the program, Morris states that since GSU has become a four-year school, and a General Education Program has been introduced for incoming freshmen and sophomores, there will be writing intensive courses at every level of the four-year education.

The Writing Fellows Program supports this endeavor by supplying individual classes and their professors with their own Writing Fellow, who is a carefully chosen and trained student for the job. A fellow acts as a peer guide who offers students writing strategies

and support during the writing process, and gives valuable feedback to strengthen their writing skills and encourage transference of those skills to other genres and areas outside of the classroom. "The number one emphasis," said Morris, "is drafting and revision; for students to learn the process of going through writing. That is very time intensive sort of work, and folks who are teaching accounting or theatre...don't have time to devote class after class to that writing. So the Writing Fellows can provide some of that informal instruction, tutoring, and supplemental instruction to the students."

One important aspect of the program is the recognition that individualized feedback is time consuming and almost impossible for every professor to deliver, especially if they are not already a part of a writing intensive educational track, like English or Communications. The Fellow, then, becomes a crucial component and wonderful addition to any classroom with writing assignments, for he or she can monitor the writing progression of the students and help them cultivate their skills. This fall semester was the first to have Writing Fellows in classrooms at GSU. Four fellows served four classes: Jessica Connolly for Research Applications in the Criminal Justice Program, taught by Professor Brian Vivona; Lynn Dill for Diversity and Social Justice in the Social Work Program, taught by Professor Vicky Coffey; Samantha Schmidt for Foundations Theatre in First Year Seminar Non-Western

Drama and Theatre, taught by Professor Patrick Santoro; and myself for Major American Authors in the English Program, taught by Professor Christopher White. When asked if the inclusion of a fellow prompted any changes to the classroom curriculum, Santoro responded that he worked with his Writing Fellow "to create an experience that would make the most sense for student writing excellence. That said, we worked together to craft a semester timeline of writing. We built in peer review sessions, revision workshops, and, on days writing prompts were assigned, discussions for effective writing strategies." Santoro went on to state that Samantha "provided excellent critique for student writing [and] allowed me to understand writing – the writing process with students – differently... her insights were invaluable." Overall, the first semester of the Writing Fellows Program appears to have been a success. For future Fellows, Dr. Morris has created a semester-long course for the training the fall Fellows received over the summer, titled Writing Fellows Practicum. It is a three credit course available to all students with a passion and skill for writing, and it gives them the necessary tools and practical knowledge to become an asset to any classroom at the university with at least two major writing assignments. Morris encourages professors to identify ideal candidates for the Writing Fellows Program, students who "have been really good writers and who have really good communication with their peers; who

have an interest in helping others." Professors interested in having a fellow in their classroom should contact Morris for more information. Writing intensive projects should not be dreaded activities, but rather ways to strengthen student's written communication skills and their ability to articulate themselves well in their chosen discourse communities, and beyond. The program aims to accomplish this while helping professors give their students the utmost individual attention and resources to make the most out of their education.

I was also a Writing Fellow this fall, and not only do I feel that the extra feedback I was able to give aided the students and the professor, I also feel that it helped me grow as a student and a writer. I would participate again in a heartbeat.

Students, make the most of your education and time here at GSU: if you have a fellow in your classroom next semester, use him or her as an additional resource to further your education. Apply for the training and get involved. Professors: the Writing Fellows Program makes writing intensive coursework rewarding and enlightening. Fellows help create a strong partnership and facilitate positive writing experiences with students. Take advantage of what WAC has to offer.

Writing Fellows can help Governors State University faculty and students strive for excellence. Students who are interested in joining the Writing Fellows Program should contact Dr. Kerri Morris at kmorris2@govst.edu.

Tone Depth: The synths and synthesis of Chicago DJs

By Brian Bock
Assistant Editor

CHICAGO – There are three things Chicago has a great reputation for – deep dish pizza, baseball rivalries and house music. House music was born in Chicago, and the Second City still retains a sizable music scene. DJs such as Frankie Knuckles and Ron Hardy helped to create an underground music scene, which has recently gained more mainstream appeal.

From its inception in Chicago dance clubs, to the chart-topping success of such acts as David Guetta and the Swedish House Mafia, the electronic music scene has evolved. The technical changes in how music is discovered, delivered and even created have had an effect on the cultural perception of DJs. No longer is a DJ a nameless figure with a large record collection — they have become cultural icons for a new subculture. “It was a lot better back then, it was more about dance music, and not about a dance music DJ,” said Mike Segredo, alias Schematix, a Chicagoland DJ for more than four years.

Segredo has seen the ins and outs of the DJ profession while making a name for himself. As a seasoned DJ, Segredo has played such big name venues as the The Mid, Dolphin and 191 South. Segredo, like many modern DJs, has a style and sound all his own.

Segredo represents the type of DJ that creates music; more aptly called a music producer. His dedication to creating his own sound — a necessity in the DJ community — is shown through his ability to do double duty as an event DJ and music producer. “My sound is upbeat, synthy, minimal, and underground,” said Segredo, while trying to pinpoint his sound.

His music differs from other DJ and producing styles such as the highly popular mash-up style. Mash-up DJs such as DJ Earworm combine one or more songs together to create interesting and new music. Just as Segredo began his DJ career by being inspired by the original heavy house tones of Gareth Emery, many aspiring DJs credit mash-up DJs as their inspiration.

“In 2006, I was introduced to Girl Talk’s Night Ripper album and fell in love with how Gregg Michael Gillis so naturally combined Michael Jackson with Notorious B.I.G.,” said Lainie McKeague, AKA DJ Misselainieous, an up-and-coming party DJ.

McKeague has been spinning her 90s style brand of DJing throughout Chicago for two years. Though McKeague and Segredo have differing styles, they both agree on the preparation for a big set.

“I always base my playlist of the crowd. I start by placing a few songs in my queue that I know will be big hits, i.e.

‘Party in the USA,’ ‘Single Ladies,’ ‘No Scrubs’... After that, I play the rest by ear,” said McKeague.

The play-it-by-ear style helps to keep a crowd engaged. Every DJ may have a different sound, but their sound is filtered through their audience. The work that goes into mixing the playlist for an event can require preparation, but in the end it comes down to what the audience wants.

“When I started out I used to preplan sets and practice them — for 16 hours at a time sometimes,” says Segredo. He continues “As I became better I got used to only preplanning a couple of songs and then go off the fly and see what the audience wants.”

Planning and audience appeal are keys to making it big as a DJ. Segredo said a substantial social media presence is also a an industry must. DJs have the tool of using song based social media platforms, such as Soundcloud, as a way to reach a broader audience.

“Soundcloud helped me to reach not people from around the country, but it helped me connect with other DJs and producers too,” said Segredo not unlike most professions, it doesn’t hurt to know somebody that can get your foot in the door. A smoother transition could help here.

“To break into the profession you need to practice. A lot. You also need to know people.

There are hundreds of thousands of DJs in Chicago. Knowing

people is huge. It helps you get gigs and get your name out there,” said Segredo.

Gaining success as a DJ can reap serious rewards. Forbes’ list of the 12 highest DJ’s included Calvin Harris at number one with \$66 million. The sum of the entire list, \$241 million, represents an 11 percent increase from last year. Not all DJ’s want the material wealth and fame modern DJ’s have been receiving.

“[DJing] now is all about different things, instead of the music. It’s all about getting rich and getting famous,” said Segredo. Segredo recognizes the trappings of the DJ lifestyle and how DJs are idolized as music gods. Though some may see DJing as a career path, other DJs see their music as more of a past time.

“DJing, for me, is a fun hobby that relieves stress and gets me dancing, I’m constantly learning new techniques and ways to improve the skill”, said McKeague, who is employed as an assistant account executive OLSON Advertising Agency.

DJs come in all shapes, styles and genres. Though the music they play may be different, the attitude they have about their craft remains the same.

“It’s about providing beats for clubs... and exposure to new music,” said Segredo.

GSU students quotes to live by

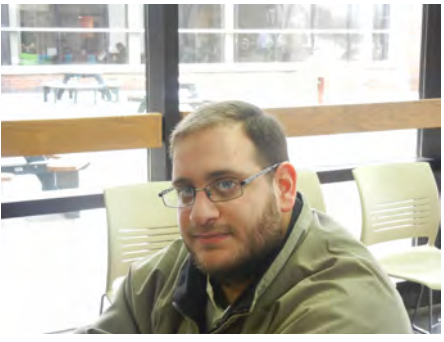
The Phoenix recently went around GSU asking students to give us their favorite quotes that they go by in their daily lives. The quotes were by historical, famous figures. Here are our encounters as well as the quotes they gave.



Yolanda Pitts
Major: Accounting
Favorite quote: “Faith is taking the first step even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”
-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Bhargava Reddy
Major: Computer Science
Favorite quote: “If you are born poor its not your mistake, But if you die poor it’s your mistake.”
-Bill Gates



Omar Hassan
Major: Computer Science
Favorite quote: “If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail.” –Benjamin Franklin



Tejaswi Sura
Major: Computer Science
Favorite quote: “Strength is life, weakness is death.” -Swami Vivekananda



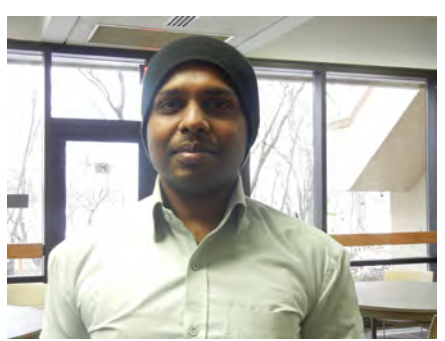
Andrew Besbekos
Major: IT
Favorite Quote: “All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them”
-Walt Disney



Brittney Woods
Major: Film/Communications
Favorite quote: “The more you like yourself, the less you are like anyone else, which makes you unique.” –Walt Disney



Chandra Kiran
Major: Computer Science
Favorite quote: “Dare to dream ,care to achieve” -Abdul Kalam



Ranjith Reddy Thipparthi
Major: Computer Science
Favorite quote: “Each thing tends to move towards its own nature. I always desire happiness which is my true nature. My nature is never a burden to me. Happiness is never a burden to me, whilst sorrow is” -Adi Sankaracharya

Why is CNN the only news station shown on campus?

By Brenda Torres
Online Editor

There are approximately 14 televisions located on campus that are available for public screening. Of these televisions, 5 of them broadcast CNN. There is one CNN screen in the cafeteria, two in the Hall of Governors, one in the Library, and one in the Cube. These five televisions broadcast exclusive CNN news coverage in high traffic GSU public spaces, in addition to the other screens on campus that are either available for recreational use, or that broadcast university announcements and This Week at GSU (TWAG) campus broadcast news.

Since CNN is the only major news coverage shown on campus, on November 11, 2014, [this intrepid reporter] initiated an inquiry for the

purposes of informing the student body about the processes involved in determining what news stations will be shown at GSU.

The Phoenix asked a number of faculty and staff the same question, “why is CNN the only news media shown on campus?”

The first person interviewed was Professor Tony Labriola from the division of Communication Visual and Performing Arts. His answer was that the decision came from higher administration, and to speak with the marketing department as well. Keisha Dyson, Director of Marketing and Communications, referred the Phoenix to the Information Technology department, which naturally resulted in a phone call to the Help Desk. The official IT desk response was that the Digital Media

department was responsible for the CNN exclusive decision.

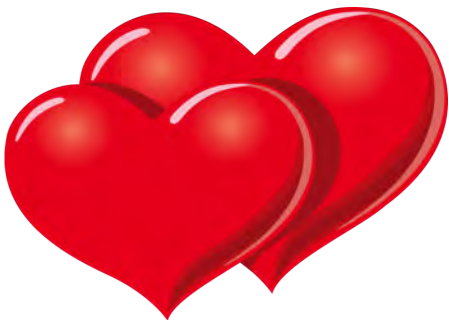
Penny Perdue, Executive Assistant to the President, confirmed this information, and referred the Phoenix to Mr. Charles Nolley, Interim Assistant Vice-President of Digital Media, Marketing and Communications department.

Mr. Nolley’s response was that Executive Vice President Dr. Gebeyehu Ejigu made the final decision, but when the Phoenix attempted to contact him, he was not available for comment. His assistant, Joan Johns-Maloney, told the Phoenix that she was not sure of the official answer on why GSU broadcasts CNN exclusively, but that she would let us know. Each interviewee was extremely supportive when conducting research; however, the Phoenix never did get a straight answer on why CNN is only news media shown on campus.

A logical assumption is probably that the administration wanted this news media shown on campus. Other 24 hour news medias broadcast programs could be shown, such as MSNBC, BBC, Fox News Channel, Vice TV, C-SPAN and more. Each of these news stations have different political perspectives, and if only one news station is broadcasted on campus; students only get one perspective.



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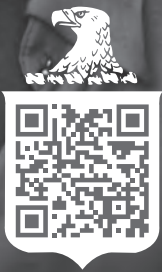
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Relationship Column

By Critisha Ashley
Relationship Columnist

This is the season for giving! Let us give back to our relationships instead of always taking from our relationships or expecting our significant others to feel every need. We have to learn, that the key to being happy in a relationship is learning to fulfill our own needs which will take the pressure off our partners. Take a break from the “me, me, syndrome” and focus on pleasing your partner. If you learn to delight in them enjoying themselves, then that is a way of knowing that you love them, which in return, will make you happier in the relationship. Sometimes when the person you love sees that you are making an effort to fulfill their needs, it creates a chain reaction. When we take the first step in giving love and affection to our significant others, without it being a special occasion, they will often reciprocate those affections because this shows that you value them. These acts of love contribute to making your partner feel special and create a stronger bond between the both of you.

Remember ladies and gentlemen, that this type of effort in a relationship is required by both parties. You have to be tuned into your partner needs, wants, and expectations; making an effort to fulfill these elements creates a strong and lasting relationship. When we are mindful of other people needs, we tend treat them better because we are paying attention to what pleases them. This reflects back to communication in a relationship, whether it is friends, significant others, or family members. Communication is embedded in everything we do from day to day, and we have to be open to expressing ourselves when communicating. So let go of your hurt and pain from the past. This is keeping your partners from knowing how you truly feel and this keeps them from fulfilling your needs, and hurts you and your relationship.

Do not let fear of letting someone in keep you from having an amazing relationship with the people you love. I urge you to be the bigger person letting the other person who loves you in. This is what they long for in the relationship, being able to support you in every way possible. However, this requires you to let them in, and this includes letting them know the person hiding behind the hurt and pain that another person previously caused. This is the start of giving the ultimate gift, and that is giving ones self whole heartily to the other person. If we cannot learn to get beyond our past hurt relationships and move forward, there is no way we can give love and affection whole heartily to our relationships and this makes for an unhealthy relationship. This holiday season, give the ultimate gift, and receive the healing, relief, and happiness you deserve. Don’t let your past hurt keep you from your future happiness. P.S. it’s not worth the stress!

Sudoku

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Finals week crossword puzzle

Finals

Complete the crossword below

Across

2. Learning Tool

4. overwhelmed

6. Uptight

8. resource

9. someone who guide you

Down

1. ____ Daniel San! Always look eye

3. perseverance

5. Good Habit

7. Sharing a project

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how great you are.
Everyday.*

Hey all, joining the Navy, remarkable experience at GSU. Check out my art at **XSJ Designs** on Facebook.
Sean L. Johnson

Gospel and alternative singer/ aspiring artist/ actress seeking a backup band, acting, or performing opportunities. Contact Critisha at cashley@student.govst.edu

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- Phoenix Staff

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Horoscopes
By Brian Bock
Staff Astrologer

Aries (21 March-20 April)-You may feel as though you’re at odds with many people this week. You are doing a lot of questioning, and people seemingly don’t want to hear your side. This will pass in the coming weeks.

Taurus (21 April-21 May)-You are trying to make a big emotional choice without all the information. You have to play the waiting game, unless you want to make a hasty choice. Any choices made during this next week need to be made with care.

Gemini (22 May-22 June)-An improvement in your relationships is on the horizon. you have been feeling a lack of support, but this will be drawing to a close as you discover new relationships and support systems.

Cancer (23 June-23 July)-You need to chill. You’ve been getting really heated lately, and its best to remember that the more heated we get, the longer it will take us to cool off. Keep a cool head during the impending situations.

Leo (24 July-23 August)-Open up your lines of communication. There has been a recent quarrel that was due to miscommunication, rectify this situation by letting it all on the table. Be ready to see things from another’s perspective.

Virgo (24 August-23 September)-Now is the time to do things for yourself. You have been dutiful in your matters on the home-front lately, but you haven’t taken time out for yourself. Take some downtime to treat yourself.

Libra (24 September-23 October)-Relish in the simple things. Your mind has been buzzing with a thousand questions lately, and the answer is to keep it simple. Try to not over think things that are going on around you.

Scorpio (24 October-22 November)-You will receive a boost of confidence during the week. Keep that feeling going as long as you can, you deserve that confident feeling. You have been feeling less than on-point lately, use this feeling to power through.

Sagittarius (23 November-22 December)- You may have been engaging in some petty squabbling lately. You need to move past this and try to engage in a more genuine way. This may be tough to do, but it’s worth it.

Capricorn (23 December-19 January)-You may be thinking you know exactly how a particular event is gonna play out, but you could be wrong. Don’t leave anything up to random chance, make sure you’re dotting all your “T”s and crossing all your “T”s.

Aquarius (20 January-19 February)-Be on the lookout for some one with disengenuois motives. This person will use your emotions to try to deceive you. Do your best to keep your wits about you, and you will be fine.

Pisces (20 February-20 March)- You have recently been made aware of a series of problems. It’s up to you know to make a plan of action and change the situation. Be careful, too, not to harp on the problems too much.

Crossword

Complete the crossword below

Across

6. He stole Christmas.
7. X-Men character whose series is facing cancellation.
8. The name Olivia Pope gives all her associates on Scandal
9. His First Folio was just discovered in Paris, dating back to 1623
11. _____ Football. Scored his first NFL touchdown Sunday against the Buffalo Bills
12. Name of the summit at Mount Kilimanjaro

Down

1. Everyone's least favorite holiday treat.
2. The popular Broadway play getting a modern day movie reboot.
3. Sodium Chloride. It tastes good and helps during the winter.
4. MTV reality show that celebrated it's ten year reunion.
5. The chemical in turkey that supposedly makes you sleepy.
10. Host of the American Music Awards.

Cheerleading kicks off at GSU

By Gregg Greer
Contributing writer

GSU is in the process of welcoming it’s first cheerleader squad, who participated in the second half of this years 2014 basketball season. The GSU Cheerleading Squad premiered with pure energy, and the choreography was innovative, dynamic and creative.

The team is made of GSU students with a vision to bring innovative and creative cheer and dance routines to GSU sporting events. The student’s makeup the collage of routines that are cutting edge, imaginative and leave a lasting impression.

Leave the buzz with your athlete’s friends and parents! Tell everyone to make sure they go see our cheerleader squad do their thing!



Stadium

GSU Recreation and Fitness Center

By Gregg Greer
Contributing Writer

When it comes to getting in shape, you have a lot of options at the GSU Recreation Fitness Center. Students can run on the alumni path in the spring, or join any of our recreational club sports such as cricket and bowling. But if students are seeking individual schedule to get fit, our gym might be your best bet.

If you are a student at Governors State University, you’ll find quality fitness and recreation opportunities and facilities that suit your style and schedule, from the Recreation Fitness Center’s free weights, exercise machines and cardiovascular equipment, to a 167,000 gallon, Olympic-style lap pool, an NAIA accredited gymnasium with an official size basketball court, in addition to two racquetball courts.

GSU also supports team sports such as Men’s and Women’s basketball, Co-ed and Women’s Table Tennis, and soon to be accredited Women’s Volleyball Co-ed Cross Country. The Recreation and Fitness Center also hosts special events and classes to keep students moving.

Fitness center staff members are dedicated to offering services and programs that promote healthy lifestyles and enhance body and mind. At the center, you’ll find a friendly and knowledgeable staff that will help you meet your fitness goals, and a wide array of group classes for many interests.

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